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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

**SUBJECT: CAL-LEARN PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF
APRIL 2006 THROUGH JUNE 2006**

Attached is the Department of Public Social Services' (DPSS) quarterly report on the Cal-Learn program for the period of April 2006 through June 2006, which includes data for the previous quarter.

Cal-Learn is a State-mandated program for CalWORKs participants who are under 19 years old, are pregnant or parenting, and have not yet completed their high school education. The County's four Cal-Learn contractors provide comprehensive, intensive case management services to assist teens in completing their high school education.

The attached report provides information on the Cal-Learn program and the Cal-Learn contractors' performance measures. The report covers a six-month review of the Cal-Learn orientation, school enrollment, report card submission, and graduation rates.

Attachment A, Cal-Learn Program Indicators - Provides data reported to the State as part of DPSS' reporting requirements on the Cal-Learn program. The performance standard for this measure is 70 percent for all newly enrolled participants to complete Cal-Learn orientation. Three of the four providers exceeded this measure. The fourth provider did not achieve the measure. We are working closely with this provider to help ensure this measure is met.

Attachment B, Cal-Learn Performance Outcome Measures - Provides data on school enrollments, report card submissions and GED/high school graduations. It reflects a total school enrollment rate of 63 percent, a total report card submission rate of 86 percent and a high school graduation rate of 38 percent. The performance standards for these measures are 60 percent for school enrollment and 50 percent for both report card submission and graduation.

For this semi-annual review period, the contractors exceeded the standard for school enrollment and report card submissions. The contractors did not meet the standard for GED/high school graduations except for Foothill Family Service who exceeded all four performance measures. The reason for the low count in graduation rates is that graduations are counted only when high school diplomas/GED certificates are received. Many participants, who graduated in June 2006, may not receive their diplomas for thirty to sixty days. Consequently, the next quarter will better reflect the number of graduations occurring in June 2006.

The contracts' negotiated review period is one year for graduation rates. Should a contractor's performance fall below all four performance outcome measures, a \$100 deduction may be assessed for each percentage point below the standard in each of the performance outcome measures.

For the annual review period of December 2004 through November 2005, the contractors reflected a 65 percent graduation rate and, as a result, exceeded the standard for the contract negotiated review period.

To date, the contractors have reported that many Cal-Learn teens received enough credits to graduate but have not passed the new California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). As a result, they were not included in the graduation rate. In addition, some Cal-Learn teens did not take the CAHSEE until May or June 2006; therefore, will not receive their results until August 2006, which may ultimately increase the graduation rate. These teens cannot be included in the graduation rate until they pass the CAHSEE.

The final quarterly report will be provided in November 2006.

BY:yjm

Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
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**Cal-Learn Program Indicators by Cal-Learn Providers
April 2006 – June 2006^a**

	El Nido	Foothill	Childrens Hospital	AltaMed	Total
Number Served in the Review Period (Based on the current number of participants enrolled at least one day of the review period)	1,714	419	305	1,005	3,443
Orientation Attendance Rate Number of Participants Scheduled for Orientation in the Review Period	667	161	97	412	1,337
Number of Participants who Completed Orientation in the Review Period	479	297	70	270	939
Orientation Completion Rate (Target Rate is 70% and is reviewed Semi-Annually)	72%	75%	72%	66%	70%
Bonuses and Sanctions Number of Participants Receiving a Bonus in the Review Period ^b	162	35	41	77	315
- Report Card Showed Satisfactory Progress (\$100 Bonus) ^c	157	32	40	70	299
- High School Diploma Earned or Equivalent (\$500 Bonus)	7	4	1	7	19
Number of Participants Receiving a Sanction in the Review Period	67	28	10	51	156
- Report Card Showed Less Than Adequate Progress	4	2	0	1	7
- Report Card Was Not Submitted	61	25	10	49	145
- Submitting a Late Report Card Without Good Cause	2	1	0	2	5
Number Receiving Supportive Services in the Review Period					
Child Care	175	29	24	53	281
Transportation	360	57	50	212	679
Ancillary Services	91	25	8	39	163
Number of Exemptions and Deferrals in the Review Period					
Exemptions	0	0	0	0	0
Deferrals	0	0	0	0	0

^a Represents the review period of January 2006 through June 2006.

^b Represents the unduplicated number of participants receiving a bonus in the review period.

^c Represents the duplicated number of \$100 bonuses issued. Teens can receive more than one \$100 bonus in the review period.

**Cal-Learn Performance Outcome Measures by Cal-Learn Provider
April 2006 – June 2006**

	El Nido	Foothill	Childrens Hospital	AltaMed	Total
School Enrollments					
- Number of Participants Enrolled in an Accredited High School or Equivalent Program in the Review Period	734	192	138	381	1,445
School Enrollment Rate (Target Rate is 60% and is reviewed Semi-Annually)	63%	65%	67%	61%	63%
Report Cards					
- Number of Participants with a Report Card Due in the Review Period	579	127	119	322	1,147
- Number of Participants who Submitted a Report Card in the Review Period	478	106	109	290	983
Report Card Submission Rate (Target Rate is 50% and is reviewed Semi-Annually)	83%	83%	92%	90%	86%
GED/High School Graduation					
- Number of Participants who Received a GED/High School Diploma in the Review Period	29	13	1	22	65
GED/High School Graduation Rate^d (Target Rate is 50% and is reviewed Annually)	31%	57%	33%	43%	38%

^dThe GED/High School Graduation Rate reflects the review period of January 2006 through June 2006.